Implementation of Land Reforms

1603. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the redistribution of land has not made much headway and the bulk of the rural poor remain as they were without any land;

(b) what are the reasons for not implementing the land reforms in different States; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. It is not correct to say that redistribution of land has not made much headway. Out of a total of 15.43 lakh returns filed by surplus holders or initiated officially only 26,626 cases remain to be disposed of, which is only 1.7 per cent. As a result of the implementation of laws imposing ceilings on agricultural land under the pre-revised laws of 1950's and 1960's and the revised ceiling laws enacted after 1972, the latest compilation of reports from States show that an area of 73.66 lakh acres have been declared surplus so far, out of which 58.07 lakh acres have been taken possession of and 44.36 lakh acres distributed to 33.11 lakh persons. About 16.20 lakh acres are locked up in litigation and 8.90 lakh acres have been reserved for public purposes and social forestry. There is thus only 3.70 lakh acres remaining available for distribution. Land reforms being a State subject, the Government of India have been vigorously pursuing with the States to complete the remaining work, to ensure the expeditious disposal of cases pending in various courts and to initiate adequate legal and administrative measures to plug loopholes so that the land reform measures are effectively implemented at the earliest. The State Governments have also been requested to consider measures which would give more land for distribution to landless poor.

Teletext System

1604. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any offer of teletext system system from the British specialists;

(b) if so, what are the details of the offer;

(c) whether a decision has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, full details of the offer regarding Teletext system promised to be sent by them have not been received.

(c) and (d) It has been decided to have a free demonstration in Delhi of the teletext system being offered by the British firm.

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(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्योरा क्या है ;